

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 13, lines 16-20, please amend as follows:

~~FIG. 6~~ FIGS. 6(A) -6(c) ~~are includes~~ explanatory views, ~~each respectively~~ showing steps a step of introducing blood into the blood analysis apparatus of FIG. 5, a step of separating the blood into plasma and blood cell fractions, and thereafter a step of feeding the plasma fraction into analysis means;

Page 14, lines 5-24, please amend as follows:

~~FIG. 9 shows~~ FIGS. 9 (A) and 9(B) respectively show a schematic diagram of the blood analysis apparatus of the present invention for use in a second example, and an explanatory view of a state after introducing the blood into the apparatus to perform the centrifugal separation;

~~FIG. 10 shows~~ FIGS. 10(A) and 10(B) respectively show a schematic diagram of the blood analysis apparatus of the present invention for use in a third example, and an explanatory view of a state after introducing the blood into the apparatus to perform the centrifugal separation;

~~FIG. 11 shows~~ FIGS. 11(A) and 11(B) respectively show a schematic diagram of the blood analysis apparatus of the present invention for use in a fourth example, and an explanatory view of a state after introducing the blood into the apparatus to perform the centrifugal separation; and

~~FIG. 12 shows~~ FIGS. 12(A) and 12(B) respectively show a schematic diagram of the blood analysis apparatus of the present invention for use in a fifth example, and an explanatory view of a state after separating the plasma from the blood by a plasma separation method of the present invention.